

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 31**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Parra**

December 6, 2004

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An act relating to economic development.

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AB 31, as introduced, Parra. Interagency Task Force for the Economic Development of the Central San Joaquin Valley.

Existing law authorizes 2 or more public agencies, including any federal department, state or local agency to enter into an agreement for the purpose of exercising any power common to the contracting parties for specified purposes, including, among other things, acquiring or constructing specified public facilities and improvements.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to create the Interagency Task Force for the Economic Development of the Central San Joaquin Valley to coordinate and improve existing state and federal efforts for the valley, in concert with locally led efforts, in order to increase the living standards and the overall economic performance of the valley.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation to create the Interagency Task Force for the Economic
- 3 Development of the Central San Joaquin Valley.
- 4 (b) The purpose of the task force is to coordinate and improve
- 5 existing state and federal efforts for the San Joaquin Valley, in

1 concert with locally led efforts, in order to increase the living  
2 standards and the overall economic performance of the valley.  
3 Economic development efforts shall include consideration of the  
4 preservation or enhancement of the natural environment and  
5 natural resources of the valley.

6 (c) Duties of the task force shall include all of the following:

7 (1) Analyze programs and policies of task force member  
8 agencies that relate to the valley to determine what changes,  
9 modifications, and innovations should be considered, if any.

10 (2) Consider statistical and data analysis, research, and policy  
11 studies related to the valley.

12 (3) Develop, recommend, and implement short-term and  
13 long-term options for promoting sustainable economic  
14 development.

15 (4) Consult and coordinate activities with federal, state, tribal,  
16 and local governments, community leaders, Members of  
17 Congress, the private sector, and other interested parties, paying  
18 particular attention to maintaining existing authorities of the  
19 state, tribes, and local governments, and preserving their existing  
20 working relationships with other agencies, organizations, or  
21 individuals.

22 (5) Coordinate and collaborate on research and demonstration  
23 priorities of task force member agencies related to the valley.

24 (6) Integrate state and federal initiatives and programs into the  
25 design of sustainable economic development actions for the  
26 valley.

27 (7) Focus initial efforts on pilot communities for implementing  
28 a coordinated and expedited state and federal response to local  
29 economic development and other needs.